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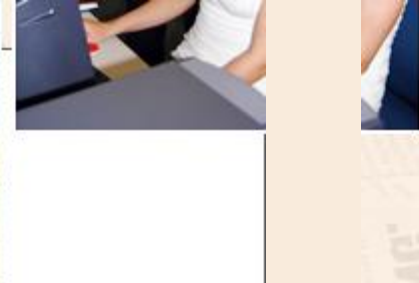
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FMU to host 32nd annual Art's Alive Festival, April 4

Francis Marion University is proud to host the 32nd annual Art's Alive Festival on Saturday, celebrating the Pee Dee's rich history of art, music and culture.

The festival will be held on a perfectly sunny day and offers free activities from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Event-goers will find a wide array of live dance and musical entertainment, art exhibits, a movie matinee and other activities in a family-friendly environment.

"The campus of Francis Marion is such a beautiful place to see original works of art and hear beautiful music," said Libby Cooper, vice president for public and community affairs and Art's Alive committee chair. "Experiencing the arts adds beauty and enriches the quality of life."

Musical performances are scheduled at stages indoors and outdoors. The Kassab Recital Hall in the Hyman Fine Arts Center will feature the Charleston Renaissance Ensemble, a trombone collective from USC, soloist Eric Figueras, gospel music by We Be Brethren, and local trio Joey Webster, Chrissy Fennel and Courtney Deas.

Featured on the outdoor stage are The Craig Woolard Band, The BackBeat: Beatles Cover Band, Lance and Chad Shirley, the Pee Dee Gospel Workshop Choir, and FMU's Jazz Express.

In addition, artists from S.C., N.C., and Ga. will be showing and selling their work at the festival. There will be oils, acrylics, pottery, woodwork, stained glass, jewelry, metalwork, photography, basketry and more.

A number of dance groups will perform in Chapman Auditorium and the Smith University Center, including the South Carolina Dance Theatre, Coker Repertory Dance Company, The Wanda Project, and Phat Pheet from Williams Middle School. Other local dance groups include the Performing Arts Academy, Kelley's Fine Arts, Showbiz Studio & Dance Company, School of Dance Arts and Dance for Joy Dance Studio.

Children's entertainment includes performances by Jitters the Clown and Blue Moon Puppets. The Magic of Ricker M will also engage and delight children of all ages.

The festival will host a movie matinee of cartoon and comedy classics. At the youth art center, attendees can make mobiles and pinwheels and enjoy spin art, stamp art, face painting and balloon sculptures.

There will be a sidewalk chalk art competition and a recycled reading book sale. Visitors to the festival may bring a picnic lunch, or purchase food from a variety of food vendors sure to suit all tastes.

"One of the great things about this festival is that there is truly something for everyone, and it's a lot of fun," Cooper said.

For more information, www.fmarion.edu/alumni/artsalive.

Recent FMU News

Scholarship established to honor Darlington businessman

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by the friends of FMU graduate and Darlington businessman Nicky Demetrious, who died in January.

The Nicky Demetrious Scholarship Fund was established to perpetuate his memory in the areas of education and athletics. He graduated from FMU and served his country with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Demetrious was an avid tennis player and cyclist. He was the owner-operator of the Dairy Bar, a popular eatery in Darlington. [→more](#)

Scholarship established to honor community leader

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by the Aiken Foundation to honor Ann Burch Aiken, a lifelong resident of the Pee Dee region, who was a devoted mother, community leader and volunteer. [→more](#)

FMU to host Special Olympics Spring Games, April 8

The Region 1 Special Olympics Spring Games originally scheduled for March 26 have been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 8. The event will begin at 10 a.m. on

the FMU track, behind the softball and baseball fields and is sponsored by the Florence Civitan Club and the Francis Marion University Civitan Club. For more information, call Hubert H. Setzler III, assistant professor of management and FMU Civitan Club president at 843-661-1433. [→more](#)

FMU to hold Ms. FMU pageant, April 2

On Thursday, April 2, six female students will contend for the title of Ms. Francis Marion University.

The pageant will begin at 7 p.m. in Chapman Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The theme of this year's pageant is "Moment Like This." [→more](#)

Other news

Nominations sought for Staff Service Award

Do you want to recognize an employee dedicated to the university? Do you know one who is always ready to help, and who makes the university a great place to work? Well, take a moment and nominate them for an award so that the rest of the university can appreciate them also.

The Outstanding Staff Service Award, established in 1999, honors two permanent, full-time, non-academic employees of Francis Marion University for sustained exceptional service in their jobs. These awards, which carry a \$1,000 cash prize and a plaque, will be presented at the annual staff luncheon, scheduled for July 22. The awards recognize the outstanding contributions of employees to the university and community at large.

One award is designated for the university's service areas, including physical plant staff, custodians, groundskeepers and dining services. The second award is designated for academic and administrative support staff.

Nominations are encouraged to honor those employees who are truly making a difference for Francis Marion University. Employees are encouraged to nominate colleagues who consistently go above and beyond to achieve excellence in their jobs. Nominations should be submitted no later than May 8, 2009, to the Public and Community Affairs Office, 101 Stokes Administration Building. [Nomination forms](#) can be submitted electronically or at the Office of Public and Community Affairs Office. [→more](#)

Prevention Partners to host Tobacco Management Seminar

On April 28, Prevention Partners will host a tobacco management seminar on our campus in Thomason Auditorium of the Lee Nursing Building. The tobacco management seminar is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This seminar provides key information and practical tips that will help improve a

person's chance of becoming tobacco free. This seminar is ideal for tobacco users and for individuals who would like to receive information to support their dependents in becoming tobacco free.

Participants can register online at Prevention Partners webpage on the [Training Calendar](#) page. Just click the month of April, select the seminar and complete the registration form.

Please enter 10 in the Employer ID # box

Participants can contact Xavery Hopkins at (803) 737-2779 or xhopkins@eip.sc.gov if they have any questions. Confirmation will be sent out on April 20, 2009.

The Digital McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit offers screenings at FMU

On Thursday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Digital McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit will bring McLeod Health's state-of-the-art digital mammography technology; board certified technologists and breast health education to you in a convenient, comfortable and private setting.

The screenings will take place on the campus in Parking Lot F, behind the computer center.

To find out if you are eligible for a mammogram on the unit, contact Rebecca Culbertson, coordinator of benefits, at (843) 661-1143.

To schedule an appointment, please call McLeod Reservations and Scheduling at (843) 777-2095 and mention you are scheduling a mammogram on the mobile unit and the date and location. Please plan to spend 15 - 30 minutes on the unit.

Screening mammograms only will be performed on the unit. A screening mammogram is an annual mammogram used to detect breast cancer in women with no signs or symptoms of breast cancer and who meet the above criteria. No physician order is required.

Generally, women should be 40 years of age or older and must not have had a screening mammogram performed in the past 12 months for most insurance coverage (check your individual plan).

Rogers Library participates in PASCAL test

Rogers Library is one of 15 academic libraries currently participating in a beta test of PASCAL eSearch, PASCAL's newest initiative in providing information resources to South Carolina's institutions of higher education. PASCAL eSearch allows the user to search multiple PASCAL journal databases and the PASCAL Delivers book catalog simultaneously.

The convenience of this one-search approach is made possible by a feature of

information retrieval systems called “federated searching.” Performing a search in each individual database is time-consuming, and it is not always easy to tell whether a particular database might include information on your topic. Federated searching provides time-saving convenience and thoroughness to your search by providing a single search interface to multiple databases.

PASCAL e-Search displays the search results in tabs by database name; the database that completes its search first displays results first. Results are listed by date and not by relevance. PASCAL e-Search is available from off-campus, using the same login procedure you use to access the PASCAL Delivers catalog and request a book.

You may try out PASCAL eSearch at <http://search.pascalcat.org:8305/iii/mfrpro-pasir/loadSearchPage.do?searchpage=simple&searchtype=simple&accountid=pasir&accountpassword=pasir>

PASCAL would like to know what you think about the trial product. If you have a suggestion or encounter a problem, please leave your feedback, using this URL:
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For more information, check out the FAQ for PASCAL e-Search at
<http://pascalsc.org/content/view/199/1/>.

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